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Sir:


Applicant claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis
of the foreign application identified below:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-155721, filed May 26, 2000.

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